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## **Ad-hoc Release**

## AUSTRIAN AIRLINES ÖSTERREICHISCHE LUFTVERKEHRS-AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT CONTEMPLATES CAPITAL INCREASE

In order to implement an ordinary capital increase later this year, Austrian Airlines Österreichische Luftverkehrs-Aktiengesellschaft intends to invite its shareholders to an extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting at the Austria Center Vienna at 10.00 a.m. on 2 November 2006. The agenda will provide for resolutions regarding an ordinary capital increase under sections 149 et seq. of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act (*Aktiengesetz*) with a maximum volume of up to 68 million bearer shares with no par value and a simplified capital reduction under sections 182 et seq. of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act. By means of the simplified capital reduction the calculated notional amount per share of EUR 7.27 is intended to be reduced to EUR 3.00. The capital increase is intended to be implemented by way of an 'at market bookbuilt offering'. The Austrian syndicated shareholders support the contemplated capital increase.

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